AN ORDINANCE

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE II, SECTION 10-60; SO AS TO ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL PUBLIC SAFETY FEE TO BE PAID BY LICENSEES UNDER THIS CHAPTER; AND OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City has the power to make, ordain, and establish such bylaws, ordinances, rules, and regulations as shall appear necessary for the security, welfare, convenience, and interest of the city and the inhabitants thereof and for preserving the health, peace, order, and good government of the city; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta has been and continues to be a burgeoning international city and destination for visitors from throughout the region, nation and world; and

WHEREAS, because of this destination status, the City of Atlanta has developed a vibrant and successful nightlife culture; and

WHEREAS, this vibrant nightlife culture in the City of Atlanta is manifested and supported by a high concentration of nightclubs and stores licensed to sell alcohol; and

WHEREAS, the regulation and enforcement of the city's alcohol licensing code requires substantial manpower and monetary resources; and

WHEREAS, the proliferation of establishments contribute to a myriad of problems, including, but not limited to, traffic congestion, lack of police visibility and enforcement, and crowd control.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA:

## Section 1

That section 10-60 be amend by adding subsection (6), which shall read as follows:

- (6) Public Safety Fee. Each licensee under this chapter (Chapter 10) shall be required to pay the City annually at the first of the year \$1.00 per square foot of area in their licensed premises.
  - (a) All monies collected pursuant to this section shall be used by the Atlanta Police Department for law enforcement functions pertaining to alcohol related criminal activity.

- (b) The Atlanta Police Department shall provide an annual accounting to the Atlanta City Council, Finance/Executive Committee of their use of the monies collected pursuant to this section.
- (c) Those holding a license pursuant to this chapter as a nonprofit performing arts theaters, museum, zoological park, botanical garden or private club shall be exempt from this section.

## Section 2

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.